

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An absorbent structure in an absorbent article such as a diaper, a pant diaper, an incontinence guard, a sanitary napkin or the like, includes a combination of a porous material such as fibers and/or foam, and at least 50% by weight of a superabsorbent material in at least one area thereof in which the superabsorbent material is distributed. The superabsorbent material is cross-linked by ionic bonds, preferably a polyvalent metal ion. The superabsorbent may further be covalently cross-linked.